Extract from a letter from Deborah Weston
New Bedford July 26th 1839.

"Wednesday 31st A lady from Baltimore took
tea here & her niece who was educated there,
& I was exceedingly surprised to find them
in a much better state than our northern
women. The elder lady Mrs Taylor did not seem
in the least surprised at my opinions, said
she hired all her servants. Oh buying and
selling them was horrid, upon which her
niece assured her that hiring them from
their owners was just as bad. her family
always hired free people."

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